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MINUTES OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SUPPORT)

LUNCHEON MEETING

20 March 1957

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1. Mr. [redacted] from the Office of Current Intelligence gave an interesting briefing on the political effects of the death of President Magsaysay of the Philippines, current developments in the Middle East crisis and the strife within the Arabian states, and the current political and economic conditions in Indonesia. In view of the interest expressed by those present in these Office of Central Intelligence briefings, consideration will be given to having them every two weeks.

2. Colonel White announced that effective 1 April 1957 the Project Administrative Planning Staff will be abolished. The Support Chiefs of the Deputy Director (Plans) Area Divisions have been given the primary responsibility for the preparation of administrative plans. The Commercial Staff will assume the review and advisory functions relative to the development of administrative plans which have previously been performed by the Project Administrative Planning Staff.

3. From a review of the replies from the Support Offices relative to the implementation of the Competitive Promotion Program, Colonel White noted that there appears to be incomplete action by some Offices. He expressed his desire that each Office attack this problem vigorously so that the implementation of this program will be completed by 1 January 1958.

4. Mr. Baird read a memorandum that the Office of Training had forwarded to the three Deputy Directors which pointed out that component-conducted training courses will be credited against the five per cent required under Regulation [redacted] only when approved by the Office of Training. Colonel White [redacted] that guest lecturers and instructors from the Deputy Director (Support) components in the Office of Training courses should not only be technically competent but should be good "presenters". It is recognized that to the extent possible the Office head himself should try to give time to these courses, but when he can't, he should select an individual who is especially outstanding in presenting an interesting and educational lecture.

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5. Colonel White read an excerpt from a field station dispatch which expressed appreciation for our Support Bulletin. He urged all Office and Staff Chiefs to take more interest in the Support Bulletin and use it as a mechanism to get the current word out to the Field. This is particularly pertinent to personnel matters.

6. Mr. Steward announced that the following items are on the Agenda for the next Career Council Meeting:

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a. Recommended legislation for an accelerated retirement plan -- eligibility for retirement at age fifty if an employee has twenty years of Government service, ten of which must be in CIA, and forty per cent of Agency service must have been served overseas with a minimum of five years overseas.

b. A plan for participation in the Office of Defense Mobilization Executive Reserve program.

c. A proposal for the establishment of a Special Placement Committee with representatives from each of the three Deputies and the Director of Personnel as Chairman to handle difficult placement cases.

7. The meeting adjourned at 1405 hours.

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